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NCWG Ranger Training Weekend



**NCNG
CAMP BUTNER**



**It is my pleasure to announce the selection of the new
MER/CC**

**Col Larry Ragland. The selection process was extremely
difficult due to the exceptional quality of all the candidates.**

**Please join me in congratulating Col Ragland as he
officially begins his tenure as Middle East Region
Commander.**

**I'd also like to thank all candidates for their willingness to
serve and the selection team for their outstanding service.**



SUSAN P. PARKER
CAP National Headquarters



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NC Wing, Civil Air Patrol Cadets Prepare for a Weekend of Ranger Training

Cadets Will Sharpen Outdoor Tracking Skills at NCNG Camp Butner

Raleigh, NC – Civil Air Patrol Cadet Ranger Training follows the model required of members of the U.S. Army. According to Maj. Andy Wiggs, Chief of Staff of the NC Wing of Civil Air Patrol, this coming weekend is a time of intensive exposure to the rigors of military-style preparation for both indoor and outdoor learning. “CAP cadets will gain firsthand experience in outdoor search techniques. While an emphasis is placed on the physical demands of our ranger candidates, classroom time will also bolster their overall knowledge of the real world missions handled by CAP volunteers,” Wiggs said.

The NC Wing currently has 1,549 members, and cadets, ages 12-21 account for 691 of the total membership. More than 100 NC Wing members—seniors and cadets—are attending. Wiggs will serve as training director.

“We are pleased to welcome 9 CAP members from the PA Wing. These folks are part of the Hawk Mountain Training team and will add realism to our Ranger program,” Wiggs added.

1st Lt. Jacob Summey, NC Wing Director of Cadet Programs said, “The CAP cadet program serves to teach our young people the importance of teamwork. Cadet training includes extensive mental and physical training that prepares them to be better able to serve their communities.” Summey will assist the Hawk Mountain team with several of the training classes being offered.

The Ranger Weekend Sign-In began on, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. and training continued through Sunday, afternoon, October 30. The training site is the NC National Guard training base in Butner, NC.

Wiggs noted that the ranger candidates will be divided into three teams, which will all be working independently and receiving specific training in:

- Health and safety
- Planning and organizing ground searches
- Line search
- Identifying aircraft search clues
- Identifying missing or lost person search clues
- Man-tracking
- Ground search techniques
- Land navigation
- Communications and much more

“Since aircraft go missing and people get lost regardless of the weather, this training will commence rain or shine,” Wiggs said.

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A Day in the Woods With NCWG

What Ranger Training is All About



Col Roy Douglass, Capt. Ricky Lyerly



Relocation



Search Team Formation

Editor's Note: Accepted journalistic policy dictates that when reporting the news—first-person accounts are generally frowned upon. But times do occur when a first-person account will better convey the impression needed to give an accurate accounting of events.

Capt. Don Penven
Mission PIO

Camp Butner – Count on Mother Nature to provide a realist environment for an outdoor training mission. More than 100 cadets and senior members of the NC Wing began moving onto “The Mount,” a training area for the NC National Guard near Butner, NC, on Friday, October 28.

Tent cities for Alpha, Bravo and Echo teams soon filled the landscape. The weather was dismal.

An approaching cold front brought with it intermittent rain showers. The blessing is that the record snowfalls experienced by areas to the Northeast along with massive power outages remained just a distant anomaly.

This officer volunteered to serve as Public Information Officer (PIO), and decided to visit the encampment on Saturday morning. Since this was my first trip to Camp Butner, and even MapQuest offered little in the way of guidance, I sent several E-mails to Maj. Andy Wiggs, mission training chief. No replies with directions were forthcoming. Cell phone contact was out of the question too. Wiggs' voicemail box was full.

My first stop was a convenience store. In broken English, the store clerk was clueless, but a customer chanced to come in and said, “Ya mean where they keep the tanks? Just follow this street to Butner. Turn right on the main street. It's out that way somewhere,”

After a few more stops, someone in the range control office said to try range No. 1. I knew I was getting closer when I chanced upon an old friend, Keith Savoy, who was serving as firearms instructor for the day. He directed me to The Mount.

I knew I was at the right place after passing a row of Porta-Potties and saw the first collection of tents.

Maj. Wiggs was quickly hunted down and I received a briefing. My goal was to get a few action photos at the site, and then head back to Raleigh. Eventually that would happen.

C/Capt. Marvin Newlin served as my guide. Each camp function had its own dwelling with computer-generated paper signs explaining the buildings' function. I've seen tobacco barns in better shape than these structures—but after all, this was a ranger school—not a weekend at a 5-star hotel.

I spotted Col. Roy Douglass, NCWG Commander, standing in a puddle, talking to a chap who introduced himself, “Ricky Lylerly, captain. I’m the camp doctor.” Capt. Lyerly said that the busiest time of the weekend so far was his distributing over a dozen pairs of dry socks to cadets.

It was apparent that the overnight rains had taken a toll on the campsite. Wet, sticky, red clay had obliterated the high polish of every pair of combat boots I saw. The first opportunity to catch some action was when the cadets from Bravo team were directed to strike their tents and move to higher ground.

As I moved about the area, I had a chance to talk with a number of cadets, some of whom were captured on my SD card. Unfortunately some of my notes were lost or disfigured when I dropped my notebook into muddy water.

What I enjoyed most was seeing so many bright, smiling young folks, some still shivering from the lower 40s temperatures, but nevertheless upbeat and bursting with the pride of being a part of this day of high adventure—all made possible by a team of 9 Hawk Mountain instructors from Pennsylvania and battle-seasoned CAP members from the NC Wing.

Some of the cadets I chanced to meet were C/Maj. Peter Barrow, C/SA Aiden Maxfield (no relation as far as he knew), C/2nd Lt. Rachel Bailey, C/SSgt. Hunter Reinhart, C/SMSgt. Ryan Glennon and C/Capt. Cameron Horner.

Photos for the day are posted at: <http://brandywinephoto.smugmug.com/CivilAirPatrol/NCWG-Ranger-School-2011/>

In keeping with real-time ranger training, lunch was Meals: Ready To Eat (MREs). Well not quite ready—some preparation is required like activating the self-contained blast furnace. The official dining hall was wherever you chose it to be, so I elected to dine in my car—with the heater running.

The sun did come out after a time of its peeking through holes in a gray overcast. And it did warm up some. It was decided that I should accompany Capt. Shawn Cressman from the Hawk Mountain team. Bravo Team was to begin a 2-mile hike and would learn how to conduct a line search for a “missing hiker.” No . . . I didn’t hike the 2 miles, we used Capt. Cressman’s pickup truck. I learned once we had reached a point along the route that I was that “missing hiker.” So after parking the truck near the “POW Compound,” Capt. Cressman led the way on foot (about a hundred yards or so...) into some fairly dense, damp and muddy forest.

I was left alone in an area designated by Capt. Cressman, where the cadets would easily find me. I suspected he thought I’d never find my way out alone—but I fooled him. I had dropped a trail of MRE cookie crumbs along the way,



1st Lt. Dhawn Kressman

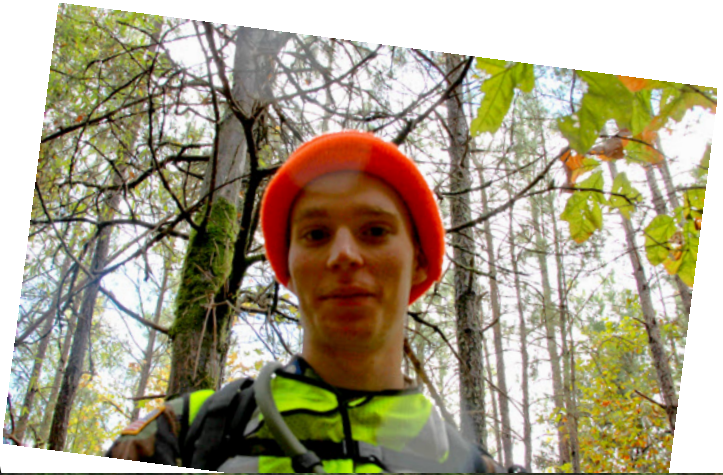


Bravo team Tent City

So ... I waited; about 45 minutes or so, since the search team was sent into the woods on the opposite side of the POW Compound for starters. The first signal I had of the approaching rescuers were the distant shouts between team members. To add a little realism to the hunt, and a degree of difficulty, I lie prone on the wet leaves and pine straw behind a large pine tree.

It was time for my afternoon nap and I nearly dozed off when I heard the crunch of leaves and snapping twigs surrounding me. I looked up into the broad-faced grin of C/1st Lt. Joshua Brown of the Asheville Squadron. "Can I help you?" he asked as I tried to raise this creaky old body.

Soon I was surrounded by the rest of my rescue team and we trudged back through ankle-deep puddles to the pickup truck. The smiles and chatter among these young men and women was a joyful experience for this old codger. This is truly American youth at its finest. And this experience (better still—adventure) strengthened my resolve to keep on keeping on the fine traditions and missions of the Civil Air Patrol.



GROUP 5 Aerospace Education Day

Just a couple of days before it was scheduled, 2nd Lt. Kathy Nicholas, A/E Officer of the host squadron (Brunswick County Composite Sqdn.) canceled the event because of low squadron participation. I convinced her to continue because she had two cadets launching the Saturn rockets for completion of the hands on phase of the rocket program.

An amazing thing happened, Thirty (30) CAP members from two squadrons signed in on the rooster, Lt Coil West from the Cape Fear Composite Sqdn. (NC-023) signed in with ten(10) cadets. Lt Col. Faver of the Brunswick County Squadron signed in with (5) cadets. Counting me, there were 16 senior members in attendance.

We began with the Redstone Class at 09:00 and the wind was blowing at 25 MPH. Papers flew, but with the assistance of a cadet who had his Rocket Badge, we taught the class, and they were tested by the testing officer. They all passed, Then we had an early lunch. Then on to the rocket launch area where I witnessed some amazing navigation. (Wind drift compensation) Rocket after rocket was launched over the trees into a 25 MPH head wind and not a one was lost. Even the Alpha rocket that was fitted with a powerful C-type engine was recovered one half (1/2) mile away . It went up, up, and then up. It took some young cadet eyes to follow it. I lost it.

It was a great Day and I want to thank 2nd Lt Kathleen Nicholas, AEO- NC-170 for all the work that she put into the making of a great A/E day for group # 5. I also want to thank Commanders Lt Col Faver and Lt Col West and all the other senior members that participated. Without their assistance and support, this day would not have been possible.

James P. Williams-Major-CAP
Deputy Director of Aerospace Education
North Carolina Wing

CAP Safety Pledge

"As a Civil Air Patrol Member, I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our Missions for America."



NCWG Members Graduate From National Staff College

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Sixty-two Civil Air Patrol members from across America will be primed for executive-level success Oct. 15-22 at CAP's 2011 National Staff College here at Maxwell Air Force Base.

This annual professional development opportunity enhances the leadership abilities of members who are, or will be, assuming positions of regional or national importance within Civil Air Patrol. The challenging curriculum includes seminar discussions, case studies and exercises. Students will focus on executive leadership, management, organizational behavior and policy formulation, while examining in great detail CAP's national-level operations.

The seven-day course benefits class participants beyond their CAP roles. The leadership, communication and executive management skills – made available through the course at a fraction of what it would cost to attend these classes at various schools and universities – are in high demand by employers in all industries.

Instructors are drawn from senior CAP leadership, instructors from the U.S. Air Force's Air University and other leadership experts. Keynote speaker for the 2011 National Staff College is retired Lt. Gen. Robert J. "Bob" Elder Jr., former commander, 8th Air Force, Air Combat Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and joint functional component commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb. Other speakers include:

- Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. George Harrison, 2011 NSC provost;
- Maj. Gen. Charles L. Carr Jr., CAP national commander;
- Air Force Col. Paul Gloyd, CAP-USAF commander;
- Dr. Gene Kamena, deputy department chair, leadership and war fighting director, joint strategic leadership, Air War College;
- Dr. Stef Eisen, director, USAF Negotiation Center of Excellence;
- Dr. Michael Ritz, director, USAF Public Affairs Center of Excellence;
- Dr. John A. Kline, director, Troy University Institute for Leadership Development;
- Dr. Johnnie Cain, organizational psychologist/behaviorist, Cain and Associates;
- Billy Daniels, CPA, CGFM, auditor, Wilson, Price, Barranco, Blankenship & Billingsley, P.C.; and
- Mr. Don Rowland, CAP executive director.

"Building leadership skills is paramount to Civil Air Patrol's success as one of the premier public service organizations in America," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Charles L. Carr Jr. "Through opportunities such as National Staff College, our members add to their experience base and polish the skills they need to be better leaders in CAP and in their communities."

NSC is a requirement for earning the Gill Robb Wilson Award, CAP's highest award for professional development. Because of the graduate-level design of NSC, as well as its focus on national-level operations, attendance at National Staff College is usually restricted to those members who hold the grade of major or above, who have completed CAP's Region Staff College or its equivalent, and who have the endorsement of their wing commander.

North Carolina Wing Members Attending:

- Forest City: Lt. Col. Christopher L. Davidson
- Sanford: Maj. David L. Oldham
- Shelby: Maj. Thomas K. Bly
- Southern Pines: Lt. Col. Craig G. Richardson



Historically Speaking

Lt. Col Phil Saleet

NCWG Historian

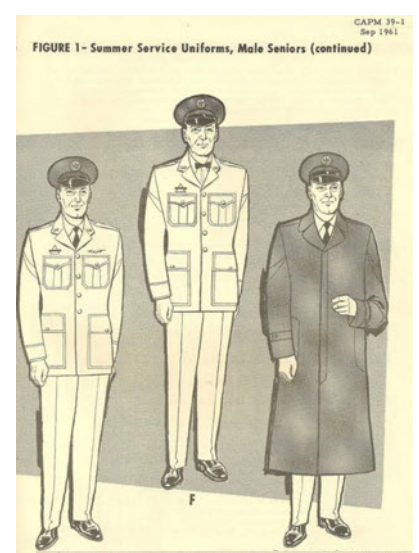
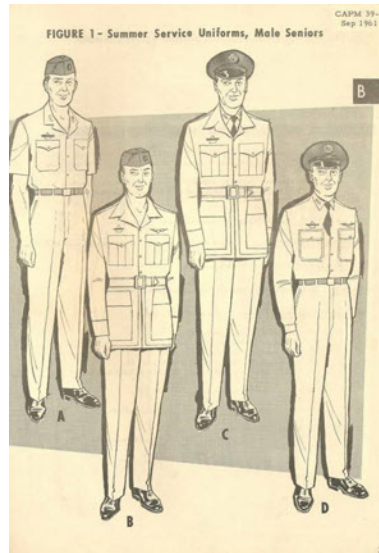
The following information is taken from CAPM 39-1 dated September 1961.

The charts in this article show the various CAP Uniforms that were in style in the early 1960's. I believe all of you will find this an interesting look back into our early history.

Your Historian was partial to the Ike Jacket shown as figure (G) and the Blue Flannel Shirt shown as figure (J). I was a Cadet back in those days and had those uniform combinations which I thought were cool, including the Artillery tucked tie.

You may also notice there is not a picture of the Field Uniform that Male Seniors and Cadets wore. We had just one uniform and that is described on pages 12 and 38, which I have included. You will also see that CAP authorized all Airmen grades that were in use at that time. On page 15 the Female Summer Service Uniform either the light colored actually white and blue cotton cord. The other uniform pictured was tan with either a tan or white hat cover.

Set back relax and enjoy a trip back into CAP History. Until next month SEMPER VIGILANS.





CAPM 39-1
Sep 1961

40. BLAZER UNIFORM

The blazer uniform (figure 24) may be worn by male cadets, in either summer or winter, whenever the service uniform is not prescribed for wear. It is a required item for cadets selected to visit countries on the International Air Cadet Exchange program. Wearing of this uniform at CAP social functions instead of the service uniform is encouraged. It may be worn without restriction on non-CAP occasions. It is composed of:

- a. Coat.** Blazer type, semiformal-fitted, drape, single-breasted, two-button model with one breast patch pocket, two lower patch pockets, and rear vent. Material is dark blue flannel or tropical worsted. It is ornamented by the CAP crest (figure 20), attached or sewn to the breast pocket.
- b. Trousers.** Medium gray flannel or tropical worsted material, full cut, straight hanging, pleated, cuffed.
- c. Shirt.** White, dress type.
- d. Necktie.** Silver-gray.
- e. Footwear.** Shoes, black; socks, black or dark blue.

41. FLYING, FIELD, and RECREATIONAL CLOTHING

The type of clothing to be worn while flying, performing field duty, or engaging in organized recreational activities, in lieu of authorized service uniforms described in this manual, will be as prescribed by wing commanders or by commanders to whom they have delegated this authority. Experience has shown that it is impracticable to require uniformity in this type clothing throughout CAP; therefore, National Headquarters will not prescribe the type of clothing to be worn for these activities. However, Air Force-type fatigue uniforms which are authorized for wear are:

- a. Suit with Matching Cap.** One-piece, herringbone twill, OD shade 7.
- b. Shirt, trousers, and cap.** Olive green QM shade 107, or sage green, AF shade 509.
- c. Minimum distinctive insignia** required with above: Collar insignia, cadet breast patch, shoulder patch. Emergency services personnel may wear the emergency services badge (beneath cadet breast patch) and patch (on cap and left breast).

218 Civil Air Patrol teams, including 2011 champs, entered in America's ultimate cyber security challenge

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – Civil Air Patrol's defending CyberPatriot III champion, Team Wilson from the Florida Wing's Orlando Cadet Squadron, leads 217 other CAP teams competing in CyberPatriot IV, America's ultimate high-school level security challenge that asks students to defend against computer threat scenarios.

"No guts, no glory – we will not rest until we earn the CPIV All-Service Division national trophy – the good Lord willing," said team leader Cadet Tech. Sgt. Isaac Harding. Harding's teammates for the 2012 competition include his brother, Cadet Airman Basic Gabriel Harding, as well as Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Matt Medla, Cadet Master Sgt. Kyle Miller and Cadet Airman Basic Stephen Miller.

Established by the Air Force Association in 2009, CyberPatriot is an initiative designed to inspire students toward careers in cyber security or other science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, disciplines critical to the nation's future.

The first competition, CyberPatriot I, involved only CAP and Air Force Junior ROTC cadets. Now in its fourth phase, CyberPatriot is the nation's premiere cyber defense competition, open to all accredited public, private and parochial high schools, CAP units, Junior ROTC units from all services and registered home school programs.

A record 1,019 teams from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe, the Pacific and Canada are competing in CyberPatriot IV, including 621 teams competing this weekend in Round 1 of the All-Services Division. For the first time, more than 200 CAP teams are gearing up for the preliminary online rounds of competition.

"We're pleased Civil Air Patrol continues to take the lead in this prestigious competition organized by the Air Force Association," said CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr. "Registration among CAP teams is up 45 percent – from the more than 150 teams entered last year – and, of course, we are proud CAP is the defending champion."

Team Wilson, made up last year of members of the Orlando Cadet Squadron and other central Florida units, will defend its title as the Orlando Cadet Squadron with only members from that CAP unit. Last year, members from a combination of units or schools were allowed to compete.

"Over the next few months, these young competitors will learn the basics of cyber security in a competitive environment, while also developing skills in teamwork and critical thinking. This will surely be another exciting season," said CyberPatriot Commissioner Bernie Skoch.

Teams enrolled in CyberPatriot IV consist of two to five members and up to five alternates. Competitors must be high school students and at least 13 years old. During each of three rounds before the national championship competition, teams are faced with realistic computer network threats from their home locations.

Each team will have six hours to seek out weaknesses in simulated online networks and work to defend those networks from threat scenarios. Teams are scored according to how quickly and effectively they establish and maintain secure networks. To accommodate the different time zones involved, there will be a 36-hour block to compete, starting at noon today and closing at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Eastern Daylight Time.

The scores from the first and second preliminary rounds will be aggregated to determine the top 36 teams, which will advance to the third round. The top 12 qualifying teams emerging from the third round then receive all-expenses-paid trips to the national championship competition March 22-23 in National Harbor, Md.

In addition to the hands-on experience entrants receive in all rounds of CyberPatriot IV and a distinguishing resume entry especially for high school summer internships, winning team members from the championship round also receive scholarships and prizes from supporting CyberPatriot sponsors.

More information is available at <http://www.usCyberPatriot.org>.

Iredell Composite Squadron Assists at Balloon Rally

Autumn is a special time of year for the Iredell Squadron because every October, the Statesville Regional Airport becomes home to the second oldest hot air balloon rally in the nation, the Carolina Balloon Fest. Balloonists from all over the nation participate in sanctioned contests with mass ascensions every morning and evening from Friday through Sunday.

This is a festive and rewarding event for the NC-162, but it demands much preparation and participation from the entire squadron. The cadets actively participate in the target scoring sections of the competitions, which can involve as many as 60 hot air balloons. When the balloons fly over their selected targets, the cadets monitor, record and measure the distance of the balloonist's bean bags to the center of the target.

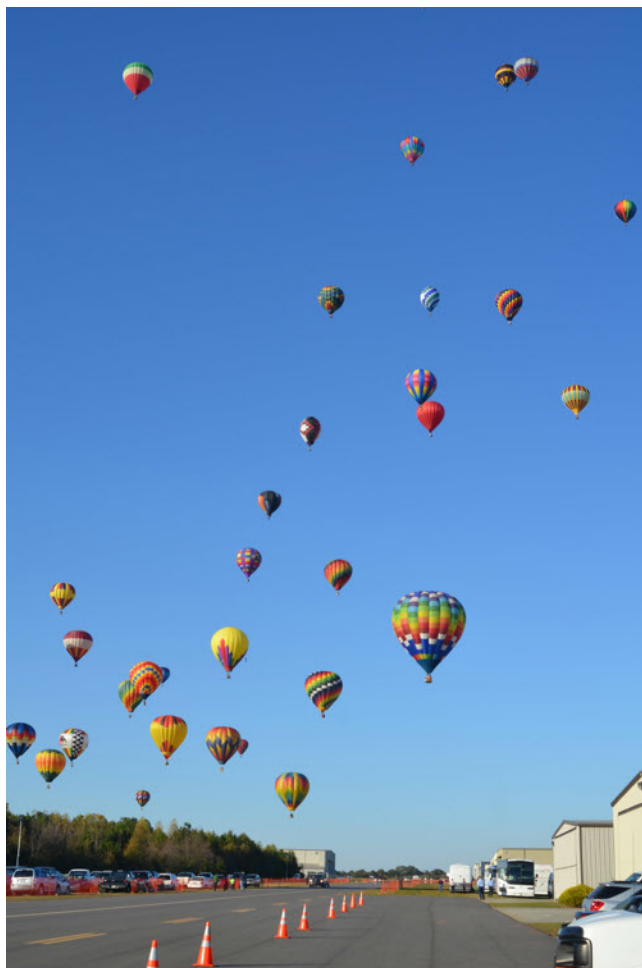
To ensure accuracy, the squadron received special training from the balloon rally officials on this task. The cadets also assisted with crowd control, locating lost children, answering questions and manning a recruitment booth. The squadron also assisted local law enforcement, fire and EMS by hosting their command post operations at the hangar throughout the weekend.

We are very proud of all of the members involved. They exhibited exuberant enthusiasm and professionalism and were excellent representatives of the Civil Air Patrol. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Winston-Salem squadron cadets for assisting us this year with the Carolina Balloon Fest.

Kristin Osborne 2d Lt, CAP MER-NC-162

Squadron Activities Officer

Deputy Public Affairs Officer



View from the CAP hangar



C/Amn Zachary Fleming assisting with target scoring

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by Lt. Kristin Osborne

Cadets assist with Cadet Ken



Cadets assist with crowd control

**See the video on YouTube of Cadet Ken. The cadet inside Ken is
C/2d Lt Joshua McCoy.**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mR890ROJYPU>

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Commander, MER-NC-162

NC Wing Awards and Promotions

The NCWing is honored to announce member promotions, awards and noteworthy service for the month of September. Congratulations to all listed members for their achievements and accomplishments.

AWARDS							
Name	Grade	Award	Unit	Name	Grade	Award	Unit
Bissell, Dennis R	1st Lt	DAVIS	NC-022	Laspada, Christopher Aaron	SM	YEAGER	NC-171
Donlin, Gregory A	Capt	YEAGER	NC-171	McGee, Noah D	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-023
Eng, Caleb J	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-022	Needham, Edwin G	Capt	YEAGER	NC-082
Gallo, Robert M	1st Lt	YEAGER	NC-121	Newlin, Marvin W	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-022
Herring, Morris C	SM	YEAGER	NC-171	Piech, Zachary T	1st Lt	YEAGER	NC-023
Hinton, Jason B	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-805	Robertson, Braxton C	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-145
Houston, Katherine E	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-019	Robertson, John A	C/Capt	Amelia Earhart	NC-162
Humphries, Ronald C	SM	MBRRBN	NC-022	Rumfelt, Robert J	SM	MBRRBN	NC-024
James, Boris	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-082	Stickney, Katelyn M	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-801
Jeffers, Joseph R	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-126	Williams, Robert J	SM	MBRRBN	NC-082
Jesalva, Elijah D	C/SSgt	Wright Brothers	NC-800	Wuerffel, Andrew T	C/2dLt	Billy Mitchell	NC-800

PROMOTIONS					
Name	Promoted To	Unit	Name	Promoted To	Unit
Albury, Patrick J	C/A1C	NC-153	Jesalva, Elijah D	C/SSgt	NC-800
Ambrose, Christopher T	C/A1C	NC-124	Mack, Dennis R	C/TSgt	NC-143
Ammons, Kimberly A	2d Lt	NC-162	Martin, Sierra A	C/TSgt	NC-048
Bailey, Emma Kate	C/Amn	NC-022	McCann, Timothy D	C/SrA	NC-022
Barrow, James R	C/TSgt	NC-801	McDaniel, Patrick W	C/TSgt	NC-023
Brittain, Chesnee M	C/CMSgt	NC-170	McGee, Noah D	C/SSgt	NC-023
Burgess, Johnathan R	C/TSgt	NC-022	Miller, JadeAnn E	C/SMSgt	NC-805
Cook, Eva M	C/Amn	NC-153	Miller, Jeffrey	Capt	NC-805
Descourouez, David M	2d Lt	NC-048	Miller, Jesse Anthony	C/CMSgt	NC-805
Diehl, Jarod K	C/TSgt	NC-801	Morton, Joshua K	C/1stLt	NC-160
Diehl, Kevin	C/TSgt	NC-801	Morton, Kimberly W	1st Lt	NC-160
Donahue, Francis P	2d Lt	NC-145	Moser, Patrick S	C/MSgt	NC-162
Early, Katelyn	C/SrA	NC-145	Moss, Jarrett A	C/A1C	NC-057
Eng, Caleb J	C/Capt	NC-022	Murphy, Joel P	C/TSgt	NC-079
Erb, Daniel J	C/Amn	NC-145	Newlin, Marvin W	C/Capt	NC-022
Falder, Kyle R	C/A1C	NC-124	Newsom, John C	C/SrA	NC-048
Fields, Nathaniel A	C/Amn	NC-805	Pantlin, Eric J	C/MSgt	NC-048
Fleming, Zachary T	C/Amn	NC-162	Piech, Zachary T	1st Lt	NC-023
Foster, Ryan A	C/A1C	NC-048	Randolph, Cory D	C/TSgt	NC-805
Garay, Noah M	C/TSgt	NC-023	Rezin, Matthew D	C/Amn	NC-022
Green, Maegan E	C/Amn	NC-801	Robertson, Braxton C	C/SSgt	NC-145
Green, Theodore	2d Lt	NC-079	Robertson, John A	C/Capt	NC-162
Greene, Ethan M	C/CMSgt	NC-153	Robinson, Groce R	2d Lt	NC-019
Hamilton, Matthew H	C/Amn	NC-022	Romanoski, Nick	C/SrA	NC-048
Hardy-Bannerman, Marcus N	C/Amn	NC-048	Setzer, Jonathan C	C/A1C	NC-024
Hinton, Jason B	C/2dLt	NC-805	Shores, Montanna M	C/SMSgt	NC-162
Hodson, Grey A	C/SrA	NC-048	Speake, Noah D	C/SrA	NC-082
Houston, Katherine E	C/2dLt	NC-019	Stewart, Monique N	C/SrA	NC-022
Humphries, Chad C	C/Amn	NC-022	Stickney, Katelyn M	C/SSgt	NC-801
Ingle, Brick T	C/SrA	NC-048	Warren, Chris E	C/A1C	NC-022
Jahnssen, Kacey N	C/MSgt	NC-022	Wilson, Daniel R	C/TSgt	NC-023
James, Boris	C/SSgt	NC-082	Wright, James V	C/CMSgt	NC-057
Jeffers, Joseph R	C/SSgt	NC-126	Wuerffel, Andrew T	C/2dLt	NC-800

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NCWG/DP

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Asst. DP

NC Wing Conducts Unit Commander's Course

Nine senior members of the North Carolina Wing attended the annual Unit Commanders Course (UCC), held at NC Wing Headquarters in Burlington, NC. The two day class was held on the weekend of October 08-09, 2011. Maj Steve Mann served as the director of the 2011 UCC and he pulled together a group of presenters from across the state to cover the selected topics. Tech Sgt. Randy Dean from CAP-USAF attended the course as an observer.

The UCC is a standardized course administered at the group or wing level that provides consistent training in ethics, leadership and management for current squadron and group commanders across all wings of the Civil Air Patrol. The UCC is mandatory for unit commanders who have not completed a UCC and is also open to any Senior Member who wants to learn the skills and knowledge required to assume the role and responsibilities and execute the tasks of a commander.

The 2011 NC Wing UCC curriculum consisted of a combination of core and elective classes for a total of sixteen hours of instruction. The total number of hours included the standardized core of eight classes for a total of ten hours of training. There were also six classes that were chosen from the elective list for a total of six hours of training.

In his opening address to the students, NC Wing Commander, Col Roy W Douglass, commended the current squadron commanders in the room for the important and challenging job that they have volunteered to do for the Civil Air Patrol. He also encouraged the others receiving the training to consider stepping in to roles as unit commanders in the future and using the knowledge to help the North Carolina wing accomplish the missions of the Civil Air Patrol. He emphasized that the UCC would provide a solid foundation to ensure the successes of the commanders.

The two days of training consisted of a combination of instructor led presentations, group discussions and exercises, with adequate time for brainstorming and question and answer sessions. A Capstone Discussion at the end of the training helped pull together the information presented over the two days.

At graduation, Col Douglass thanked Maj Steve Mann for serving as the director of the 2011 UCC. He congratulated the students who had successfully completed the training as he handed out the diplomas.

Lt Col Rob Smith, NC Wing's Director of Professional Development, reflecting on the importance and success of this class said, "NC Wing leads the nation in safety and consistently outperforms other wings in a number of arenas. This is made possible through the dedication and leadership of our squadron commanders. I am thankful that our commanders participate in these courses not only to learn but to share of their expertise."

Maj Steve Mann, UCC Director was very pleased with the success of the course. He said, "The willing assistance of experienced members of the Wing to be volunteer instructors and the use of Wing headquarters for the classroom made it possible. I think the perspective of experienced instructors added greatly to the impact of sessions."

Col Douglass stated that with this class, 74% of unit commanders in the NC Wing had been trained but he would like to see 100% of all those stepping into this very important leadership role receive this training. Col Douglass also said that he would encourage group and squadron commanders and deputy commanders to take a refresher course every two to three years to stay abreast of the changes in the program.

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Front row (left to right): Maj Steve Mann, UCC Director, Lt Col Rob Smith, NC Wing PD Director, Lt Susan Rice, Maj Conrad D'Cruz, Maj Eric Orgain

Back row (left to right): Lt Jason Bailey, Lt Dennis Bissell, Capt David Rinehart, Lt Col Micah Ben-Yehudah, Maj Michael Woodruff, Col Roy Douglass, NC Wing Commander, Lt Col Bill Hawke, UCC Instructor



A/E Rocket day at Zebulon

What a day!

If you were not there , you really missed out on the fun. Major Twiddy and I arrived on Friday afternoon and set camp near one of the hangers. Near dark Capt Cail built a monster camp fire, which moved everyone back a few steps. Then we had hot dogs and hamburgers for supper. Afterwards, we sat around the fire and roasted marsh-mellows.

Saturday morning_ We had a great breakfast of ham biscuits and coffee. Then we set up for the Cadet rocket competition. It was a beautiful morning with very little wind. The shoot went well with Cadet Kristina Erb winning the altitude with 110 meters and Cadet Daniel Donahue with close recovery at 13 paces After the competition was completed, The fun launch began with several cadets and senior members joining in,, launching all types and sizes of rockets.

Then it was time for **The Challenge of the Century**- First was the inspection by three Cadets with the ranking cadet saluting and requesting permission to inspect Major General Wheless' rocket, followed by Lt. Col. Crawford's and finally Lt. Col. Kay's rockets. They very carefully inspected each rocket in detail. All three rockets were successfully launched and recovered. Lt. Col Crawford took the altitude launch, while Gen Wheless, took the close recovery with some precise adjustment in the angle of attack. Lt. Col. Kay took the best built and was awarded the prize for best over all flight.

The cadets that participated were Cadets Donahue, Erb K.,Heimann, Erb, Farley, Toebe . All are members of Franklin County Composite Squadron (NC 145) Capt Cail has volunteered to host the group # 2 A/E day again in the spring of 2012 ..We hope more Group 2 squadrons will participate

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